THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Comparative information on prevalence of disability in Delhi over a period of 10 years is not available.

Exodus of talented youths

735. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the current year is going to witness maximum number of students opting for studies in USA;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to provide specialised and world class education facilities in the country and prevent exodus of talented youths?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) and (b) The Government have no such information.

(c) The institutions of National importance/excellence like Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), Indian Institutes of Management (IIMs) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bangalore, Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) and other Central Institutes are providing specialized education facilities in the country comparable globally.

Schemes for welfare of SCs/STs and Backward sections

736. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes formulated and being implemented for welfare of SCs, STs, backward and other Weaker Sections of the society, State-wise; and

(b) the amount granted for the same during the last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) to (b) The Schemes formulated and being implemented by this Ministry for the welfare of weaker sections *i.e.* Scheduled Castes & Backward Classes are available on the website of the Ministry. The details of amount released for the last three years is [See Appendix 2004 Annexure No. 10]. The details of the Schemes for the welfare of Scheduled Tribes and amount released for the last three years are available in the Annual Report of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs for the year 2003-04.

Reservation for disabled

737. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any clear cut policy of reservations in civil services and educational institution for disabled;

(b) if so, the details therefor;

(c) the case of non-implementation of reservation policy for disabled; and

(d) the action taken by Government to ensure compliance of the reservation policy?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Section 33 of the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995 provides that every appropriate Government shall provide for reservation of not less than 3% of vacancies in identified posts in every establishment for persons with disabilities of which one percent each shall be reserved for persons suffering form (i) blindness or low vision; (ii) hearing impairment and (iii) locomotor disability or cerebral palsy.

Section 39 of the Act stipulates that all Government educational institutions and other educational institutions receiving aid from the Government, shall reserve not less than three per cent seats for persons with disabilities.

(c) and (d) The Chief Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities has